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Office of Environmental Health E-Newsletter

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Rules, Rules, Rules

Milk

The long awaited "milk rule" was approved at the Governor's Regulatory Review Council meeting on July 11, 2006. Effective date of new rules is 60 days after filing with the Secretary of State. The official effective date for the changes to R9-8-102 and R9-8-107 was September 9, 2006.

Transient Dwellings, Public Toilets, Mobile Home, RV Parks

Our rule writer is currently looking at revisions for several rules. We will try to work in revisions involving minor changes to these rules as we begin the Food Code process. The Food Code will be the high priority project, but we will try to work on some of the others as we go. In many cases, the rules are being modified to comply with our limited statutory authority. Another primary objective is to develop updated definitions for "hotel, motel, transient dwelling, mobile home/rv parks," to reflect current terminology and help separate facilities that rent out rooms from "house and apartment" rentals. Changing trends in the duration of the rentals, "vacation" rentals, bed-n-breakfast, timeshares, etc. have complicated which facilities are permitted and how. As always, your views and input are essential. Please let me know where you are encountering problems. I am especially interested in any problems you have experienced with the rules, and your suggested solutions.

Food Code

We are getting ready to "open" the code to address the changes in cooking school and pre-packaged non-phf food facility rules prescribed by a recent statutory change, and to adopt the FDA 2005 Food Code. As was the case in adopting the 1999 FDA Food Code, some changes to the 2005 Code will be necessary to avoid conflicts with other sections of the Arizona Administrative Code. One of our primary goals is to balance the number and complexity of the more discretionary changes vs. the additional time those changes will add to the process. Basically, the closer we stay to the FDA 2005 Code, the quicker the process will be. Certainly any changes to the 2005 Code that are necessary to avoid negative impacts on food safety in Arizona must be addressed. So far, there seems to be a great deal of support for adopting the 2005 Code, and relatively little opposition. The

optimistic timeline for completing the process is the end of 2007. Complications can rapidly extend that well into 2008.

Links to Updated Rules

Schools

http://www.azsos.gov/public_services/Register/2006/5/final.pdf

Milk

http://www.azsos.gov/public_services/Register/2006/31/final.pdf

ARS 36-136.H.4 & M. Cooking schools, social events, employee functions, etc.

<http://www.azleg.gov/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/ars/36/00136.htm&Title=36&DocType=ARS>

Registration Renewal

The 2007 Registered Sanitarian Renewal Applications were sent via U.S. Mail to all Arizona Registered Sanitarians. If you have not received your packet, you can download a copy of the renewal application at http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/oeh/rs/pdf/san_renew.pdf or you can call (602) 364-3118 to have it mailed to you. Remember, renewal now requires that you obtain 12 contact hours of continuing education by December 31, 2006 for the 2007 renewal. If you do not obtain the 12 contact hours, your registration will lapse and you will be required to go through the entire application process and pass the examination to restore your registration. Please don't let this happen.

Please contact Don Herrington at (602) 364-3142 or herrind@azdhs.gov if you have any questions.

EDUCATION

(think CEU's & Registration Renewal)

Registered Sanitarian Conference

The second annual ADHS RS Conference will be held November 13, 14, 2006 at the ADHS State Lab Conference Room, 250 N. 17th Ave., Phoenix, AZ. The Sanitarians Council has allowed 12.4 CEU's for this conference. Agenda and Registration information is available at: <http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/oeh/rs/training.htm> or contact Ben Stepleton at: stepleb@azdhs.gov

Southwest Food Safety Conference and Exhibition

The Southwest Food Safety Conference and Exhibition, scheduled for January 31, and February 1, 2007 in Laughlin, Nevada, has an excellent agenda. Presentations include: Carver Plus Shock Method For Food Sector Vulnerability Assessments - Presented by

FDA Headquarters; Legal Liabilities - Marler/Clark Law Offices; Food Code Updates; Food Safety Network - Univ. Of Guelph Canada; Ethnic Food Safety Issues; Allergens and other timely food related issues. For additional conference details and registration information, visit the Arizona Environmental Health Association web page at:

http://www.azeha.org/index_files/Page619.htm

Remember, this takes care of your CEU requirement for the year. No last minute rush to get CEU's for registration renewal.

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